### HOLIDAY BOOKS.

NEW EDITIONS AND FRESH PUBLI-CATIONS.

to the artist who has illustrated the new "Van has sketched the Southern negro inimitably. Could he be expected to treat the old Northern thing like the same success? But we speak of without any prejudicial comparison of them with Mr. Kemble's better known work, it is Irving he has not hit the mark. He has humor. which is nicely illustrated and bound. He has such erudition of picturesqueness as is required by the environment and costumes in which their period envelops the rotund burghers of old New-Amsterdam. He has a sufficient technique, of course, and he has shown some originality in illustrating the least conventional He has pictured the passages in the history. great dragon swallowing the moon, as the event may have occurred according to one of the historian's authorities, and all through his task he has avoided stereotyped scenes, the groups of Dutchmen smoking and drinking, which a less sympathetic talent might have conceived as the principal dramatis personae in the book. But after all the fun in these illustrations has been credited, where is the Washington Irving spiritthe Irving atmosphere and charm? To speak quite candidly it appears to us to be completely bsent. It is impossible to give a definition of it, for atmosphere is indefinable. You feel it, or It is a matter of personal conet, and with the essential feeling of Irving Mr. Kemble does not seem to have come in contact at all, except in a superficial way. This is

disappointing and melancholy. Capacity of a purely artistic sort, like Mr. Kemble's, deserves

success. But Mr. Kemble should never have

attempted the illustration of an author foreign

to his temperament. It should be added that

the present volumes maintain the high standard

of mechanical excellence set in previous issues

of the Irving series published by the Putnams.

Mr. Willis O. Chapin's luxurious volume, entitled, "The Masters and Masterpieces of Engraving" (Harper & Brothers), is a good tentative study of its subject. To attain to the have to be rewritten with more thoroughness than it now reveals, and will especially have to be resystematized. Mr. Chapin says, for example, and says it as early as his seventeenth page, that Rembrandt is "among the masters of engraving." A writer capable of a statement like that destroys confidence in himself at the outset. Rembrandt was an etcher, not an engraver. To bracket him, as Mr. Chapin does, with Albrecht Durer, is to bring about exactly the confusion of ideas which should be avoided in a treatise intended for circulation among lay students. To be sure Mr. Chapin is aware of the difference between the needle and the burin, between etching and engraving. but this being so, he is the less excusable for departing from his province, and including not only Rembrandt, but a number of other etchers in his scheme. Moreover, if etchers are to be discussed at all in a book on engraving it is objects of historic interest. This is a work to merely absurd to dismiss the revival of etching put in the hands of patriotic boys. So, also, is in the present century with the remark that "its story has been so often told that repetition is Annecessary," and with a few brief passages on men recently deceased, like Meryon, Rajon and artists cannot be attempted here," says Mr. Chapin, apropos of the crowd of etchers whose names occur to him. Then why so much as name etching from one end of his book to the memorials of heroic action, his versions of old To write copiousl; of Rembrandt, even making one of his etched portraits of himself the frontispiece to the volume, and then to Legros, Buhot and others of their class, is to stand confessed as a specialist of no special

Turning to the other side of Mr. Chapin's Company, the "Tales from Shakespeare" ing, we find him omitting altogether so im- paraphrases there is all of Shakespeare that portant a man as C. W. Sherborn, the English made widely known here, but of whom no student of engraving has a right to remain in its norance; and we regret to add, also, that the brief treatment of contemporary engravers in fact, Mr. Chapin has done no more than reaspelle a goodly amount of information on the history of engraving, which he has only half digested. He states a number of facts; he has included, as a matter of course, all the great history of engraving, which he has only half digested. He states a number of facts; he has included, as a matter of course, all the great history of engraving, which he has only half digested. He states a number of facts; he has included, as a matter of course, all the great history of engraving, which he has only half digested. He states a number of facts; he has included as a matter of course, all the great history of engraving, which he has only half digested. He states a number of facts; he has included as a matter of course, all the great history of engraving, which he has only half digested. He states a number of facts; he has included as a matter of course, all the great history of engraving, which he has only half digested. He states a number of facts; he has included as a matter of course, all the great history of engraving, which he has only half digested. He states a number of facts; he has included as a matter of course, all the great history of engraving, which he has only half digested. He states a number of facts; he has included as a matter of course, all the great history of engraving, which he has only half digested. He states a number of facts; he has included as a matter of course, all the great history of engraving, which he has only half digested. He states a number of facts; he has included her to history of engraving and have rights and charm of the propertion of the decleants for appellant. Proportion in the state of the propertion of the following adherence to the history of engraving and all defendating and charm of the propertion of the decleant and convention of the farm and circuit Co

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lays stress upon the scenic opportunities which

nore gives the illustrator. Nine-tenths

of the photogravures are reproductions of photo- sestive subject in the artistic motive which runs

air which is highly desirable, and since the plates have been printed neatly, the volumes may be recommended. "Ivanhoe" is published giving the Idyl its fullest possible value, it is inby Estes & Lauriat in two volumes, to which teresting as the work of a striking figure in The irresistible power of the association of an interesting introduction, by Andrew Lang, is German literature and politics. Kinkel's career ideas might seem to make it easy to be unjust prefixed, and in which a number of good illus- was stormy until the later years of his life, Twiller" edition of "Knickerbocker's History of trations are printed, both compositions and Then, after his escape from the prison in which New-York" (G. P. Putnam's Sons). Mr. Kemble architectural photogravures. "The Adventures he had been immured for political offences, and has sketched the Southern negro inimitably. of Mr. Verdant Green," an ever refreshing under the clear skies of Switzerland, he enbook, is reissued by Little, Brown & Co. joyed a respite of which the serenity is reflected Dutchman of Irving's charming book with any- in two well-made volumes. Saintine's exquisite in his "Picciola," with illustrations by J. F. Gueldry, this possibility of criticism only to repudiate comes from the Appletons, and an edition of "A Judging the drawings in these two volumes Dog of Flanders" (Lippincott Company) falls in A. with these books as a story by Ouida which thin illustrated quartos of metrical and graphic is tolerably certain of a long life. Three trifles a collection, in one volume, of "Pictures still the conclusion that as an illustrator of other tales are included in Oulda's volume,

It would take a painter of genius, a man like Delacroix or Gericault, burning with dramatic fire, to adequately illustrate Carlyle's "French Revolution," but such an artist fails to come to the front, and in the mean time publishers of reprints find safety in using portraits instead of compositions for the enrichment of the pages. T. Y. Crowell & Co. have accepted this compromise in the twovolume edition of the history they have just lations from the Sanscrit fable-book, "Hitopadesa," with illustrations by Gordon Browne (imyears ago in India Other translations of the "Hitopadesa," for example, that of Charles Wilkins, and Knatchbull's imitation of the Arabic version, are certainly rather wearisome to a tions in aphorisms and poetry. The tales are artificially set, one within another, like certain tinuous involution causes one to forget what all For, from the Indian point of view, the "Hitopadesa" is eminently didactic. Sir Edwin Arnold's version abbreviates many details. He translates the Sanscrit verse into beautiful Engverse, and though he follows the turns and windings of the original, they no longer seem so complicated. Notes at the end of the volume understood. Besides its utility as a representadignity of anything more than a sketch it will tive of a cherished Oriental work, the present volume is in form a handsome holiday book.

It is not the least of the good qualities of some of the publications noticed in this column that they are by American authors. In the mass of reprints from foreign writers which is published every Christmas, it is good to find that native authors and native themes are not forgotten. "Our Colonial Homes" (Lee & Shepard), an illustrated quarto by Samuel Adams Drake, is full of American history and of good pictures of American relics. authors of "American Landmarks" Brothers), George A. Cleaveland and Robert E. scope than Mr. Drake. They have gone to all points of the compass for their subjects, and the photogravures which crowd their excellent folio include West Point, Independence Hall, the collection of "Historical Tales" (J. B. Lippincott Co.), which Mr. Charles Morris has compiled. In four volumes he has related succinctly a number of salient events in the his-"An account of the works of living tory of America, England, France and Germany, like the ride of Paul Revere and the martyrdom of Joan of Arc. Since the annals to which he has gone for his material are bristling with a healthy boy. If they do not it will be because, as a matter of sad fact, Mr. Morris excatalogue Haden, Whistler, Jacque, hibits no great gift of narration in the telling of his exciting stories. An illustration of how another holiday publication of the Lippincott ok, to that which is concerned with engrav- Charles and Mary Lamb. In these celebrated could be preserved in such a metamorphosis of engraver, whose work has only recently been his poetry. There is also a great deal of the

mental habit. It is a book amply meriting the white landscapes and flower pieces by Paul de Longpre, has been reprinted by Appleton & Company. From Lee & Shepard comes "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner," with Sir Noel produced. The same publishers print Mrs. Dorr's "Periwinkle," with fair illustrations in charcoal, by Zulma De Lacy Steele, and another book of poetical selections by Irene Jerome, "I Have Called You Friends," in which this wellracious Mr. Faggus and the still more vivacious known lady abandons her familiar mode of illustration and illuminates her pages with decorative arrangements of pansies. Mr. William Trumbull, in "The Legend of the White Canoe" (G. P. Putnam's Sons), throws into smooth, metrical form an old Indian story of ble of illustration. The ten drawings made for the book by Mr. Du Mond, and reproduced in photogravures, are as good as anything this illustrator, has described by the control of the con illustrator has done. The late Gottfried Kinkel's Neo-Greek idyl, "Tanagra," has been translated by Mrs. Frances Heliman, and published with illustrations in a decorative octavo by G. P. Putnam's Sons. As poetry pure and simple it has next to nothing to say to American readers; for, although he had a most sug-

graphs taken from nature. This gives to the pictorial side of the new edition a topographical air which is highly desirable, and since the lines  $\frac{1}{100}$  is, after all, colorless and commonin his "Tanagra." The translation is dedicated to Mr. Luci Schurz, who was Kinkel's friend, and helped him in his escape from Germany in 1850. C. McClurg & Co. add to the list of from Nature and Life." The pretty illustrations, reproduced by half-tone process, are by Helen E. Stevenson. The verses are by Kate R. Holmes. It is a daintily sentimental giftbook.

### THE COURTS.

PART OF THE ALASKA TREATY CONSTRUED. Washington, Dec. 4.-The terms of one of the ctions of the treaty by which the Territory of Alaska was ceded by Russia to the United States were construed by the Supreme Court to-day. Arnold has prepared a new edition of his trans- Kincaid and Samuel Sussman claimed \$167,000 from the United States for the possession and rental of a large storehouse erected by the Russian-

> CENTRAL MAY VOTE ITS NORTHERN STOCK. Judge Andrews, of the Supreme Court, yesterday refused to issue an injunction restraining the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad from voting on the stock held by it of the New-York and Northern Railroad Company. Judge Andrew said that, as the laws stood, a court of equity could not interfere, but that it was contrary to public pelicy to allow one corporation to hold stood

DECISIONS BY THE SUPREME COURT. Washington, Dec. 4.-In the United States Su-

re the following: To the Columbia Mill Company, appellants, William W. Alcorn et al. Appeal from the cult Court of the United States for the East District of Pennsylvania, Decree affirmed, with

costs.
No. 95—Anthony F. Seeberger, collector, etc., plaintiff in error, agta Francis A. Hardy. In error to the Crueult Court of the United States for the Northern District of Illinois. Judgment affirmed, with costs est. Jesse Spalding, collector, etc., plaintiff agt Otto Young & Co. In error to the boart of the United States for the North-rict of Illinois. Judgment affirmed, with

Albany, Dec. 4.—The following cases were argued

Robert Ernst agt. Darius G. Croshy and others-

Divarres: Nos. 491, 1263, 1289, 1417, 1418, 1419, 1494, 1495, 1496, 1497, 1495, 1496, 1497, 1896, 1497, Supreme Court—Special Term—Part II—Before Beach, J.—Elevated railroad casess. Circuit Court—Part III—Before Truax, J.—Nos. 1429, 1963, 1694, 1695, 1695, 1695, 1695, 1695, 1695, 122, 1555, 1885, 3186, 1241, 1286, 620, 721, 1652, 1494, 639 Circuit Court-Part I-Adjourned for the term.
Circuit Court-Part II-Before Patterson, J.-Cases from art I. it Court-Part IV-Before Andrews, J.-Cases from No calendar,
Surrogate's Court—Chambers—Before Ransom, S.—Molon calendar called at 19:39 a.m. For probate: Wills
of Renedict Besinger, N. Pinard, Catherine O'Brien,
acob Strobl, Andreas Natter, Babette Gaffre, John
fcClain, Henrietta Barnum, Ellen Ward, Ann Reynolds, 18, 18, 2.
 Superior Court-Special Term-Before Dugro, J.-Nos. 583, 584, 589, 552, 558, 422.
 Superior Court-Equity Term-Adjourned until December

k Superior Court-Trial Term-Part III-Before Sedgwick, I.-Case on, Wooster vs. Eateman.

City Court—Special Term—Before McGown, J.—Mo-tions.
City Court—Trial Term—Part I.—Before Van Wyck, J.— Nes. 1420, 437, 438, 430, 637, 246, 634, 84, 768, 709, 710, 420, 819, 822, 788, 831, 837, 184, 985, 1962, 1967, 530, 312, 264, 673, 977, 1862, 283, 1674, 1673, 1674, 1675, 1674, 1674, 1675, 1675, 1674, 1675, 1675, 1675, 1675, 1675, 1675, 1675, 1675,

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Court-Special Term-Before McGown, J.--Mo-

929, 950, 589, 329, 339, 742, 939, City Court—Trial Term—Part IV—Before Fitzsimons, J.—Shert causes: Nos. 2122, 130, 2163, 2016, 2173, 1832, 2264, 1153, 1131, 2381, 2382, 2448, 2235, 2483, 2449, 2359, 2438, 2404, 2425, 2012, 2507, 2436, 1850, 2491, 2271, 2550, 2476, 2406, 2515, 1640, 1641, 295, Court of Oyer and Terminer—Before Barrett, J., and District-Attorney McIntyre—No. 1. Court of General Sessions—Part I—Before Cowing, J., and Assistant District-Attorney Townsend—No. 1 to 42, inclusive.

THE GRIP MAY BE EXPECTED SOON.

PHYSICIANS IN THIS CITY ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE DREADED INFLUENZA-FORMER EPIDEMICS.

be expected in this city shortly. Probably it will who, like Mr. Saxton, has been a member of the not be as severe as the epidemics which have pre- Finance Committee of the Legislature, has had valled in the city in past winters. Dr. Cyrus Ed- pass before his eyes all the appropriations made

"My attention has been called already to a number of cases of influenza in the city. Reports from other leading committees—Judiciary, Insurance and Baltimore, Chicago, Pittsburg and other cities in- Railroads-and, therefore, has a broad knowledge dicate that the disease is becoming prevalent of legislative affairs. throughout the country. There is no way of preventing the disease from spreading. There are asked, three kinds of the disease which is known as influenza or grip. One is the catarrhal kind in which only the air passages are affected. Another is ac-

hen the record for five weeks was as follows:
ceek ending January 2, 86; January 9, 85; January
69; January 22, 64; January 30, 45.
There was a still milder epidemic last winter and
was at its height in April last, when the record
deaths ran thus: Week ending April 1, 14; April
22; April 15, 31; April 22, 13; April 29, 19. Influenza
suppeared from the city last summer, but repour one death a week from the disease in this
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## BURGLARS WORK BY ELECTRIC LIGHT.

THEY GUT THEIR WAY INTO A JEWELRY STORE AND, SCREENED FROM THE STREET, GET

Brothers, on the ground floor of the flat house, No. 268 Third-ave., at Fifty-eighth-st., was discovered yesterday morning. The store is lighted brilliantly at night by both gas and electricity, and the win-dow shades are kept raised so that policemen can easier to talk about them than it is to embody look into the store. The safes, doors and windows are protected by burglar alarms. When the store was eral way the purposes of Republicans, both leaders losed on Saturday night many large silver articles and followers.

and their employes opened the store they were as- that onished to find that burglars had carried away the ests of the party we are anxious to serve.

Detectives soon satisfied themselves that the

the store at nights hereafter.

with diamond top and drop earrings; nine stone diamond-cluster ring, and two solitaire diamond The box disappeared some time between October I.

The box disappeared some time between October I. 1892, and July 15, 1893, and, it is thought, was lost in or near a Safe Deposit Company's office. The disappearance of the Jewels was made the more mysterious Sunday afternoon, when Charles T. Cook, of the Tiffany Company, and Charles I. Tiffany himself disclaimed all knowledge of the lost goods or of the advertisement.

The advertisement, however, was authentic and came from Tiffany & Co. as signed. Mr. Cook explained the matter to a Tribune reporter yesterday. He said:

"Neither Mr. Tiffany nor I knew, when we first saw the advertisement, who had authorized it. We had both been out of town Saturday and the request to use the firm's name was made while we were away. The jewels did not belong to the company. Customers often ask permission to use the firm's name in advertising for lost articles. It saves them all trouble and publicity which might arise from the matter. The advertisement referred to was so authorized by us. That is all I can say about it. It was a common occurrence. So far as I know, nothing has been heard of the missing box."

## ANNUAL DINNER OF THE VETERAN FIREMEN.

The Veteran Firemen's Association, composed of men who have a record of twenty years of active service in the Fire Department of this city, will give its third annual banquet at the Murray Hill Hotel on Wednesday evening of next week at 9 o'clock. At this dinner will meet the most honored members of the city's Fire Department, who have proved their courage and their devotion to duty in many perilous contests with great conflagrations.

NEW LEGISLATURE SHOULD DO.

THE BUFFALO POLICE ACT AND SIMILAR LAWS SHOULD BE PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO-THE CLOSURE IN THE SENATE, AMENDMENT OF THE ELECTION LAWS AND A

author of the Ballot Reform law, and appears, has the unanimous support of his Republican associates for the responsible post of President pro tem, of the Scnate, is making a visit in Albany. He seems to be in good health, and un questionably he is well equipped for the position of Republican leader in the Senate, through his close consideration of State affairs as an Assemblyman Physicians of the Health Department said yes-terday that another epidemic of influenza might and as a Senator in the last seven years. A man by the State annually, which amount to over \$15

"How do you read the late election?" he was

"The verdict of Election Day was against gov three kinds of the disease witch is witch thurs, it is decompanied with chills, fever and racking pains in the back and limbs. The third and worst kind combines the worst features of the others. While the disease prevails in the city people should avoid exposure to cold and dampness as much as possible and be carefully.

The first epidemic of the grip began in this city in December, 1989, and was short and sharp. It reached its highest point in the second week in January 189, and the deaths from influenza during five weeks were as follows: Week ending January 4, 12; January 11, 23; January 18, 88; January 25, 52; February 1, 18.

The epidemic in the following year was later, longer and more severe. The record of deaths from influenza during the worst five weeks of that epidemic is appended. Week ending April 4, 189, 48; April 11, 193; April 25, 139; May 2, 72.

The next epidemic lasted much longer, but was not so severe. It was at its worst in January, 1892, when the record for five weeks was as follows were kending January 2, 89; January 3, 89; January 3

winter. Our motto should be 'not many laws, but good laws.' We should strive to make it in all things what the two preceding sessions were not. The more striking the contrast the better the peo-We must not act in a narrow, partisan spirit, but deal with subjects that come benate interests of a public nature to the interests of nomical-not beggardly, but economical in the true

"You know that I am an earnest Republican. which small articles are kept for sale were cov- But I have always believed that in fixing our eyes too closely on partisan schemes we narr Yesterday morning when the Lambert Brothers range of vision and fail to get these broad views tonshed to find that burgars had carried away to silver jewelry and the opera-glasses from two of the glass cases. No attempt had been made to open the safes, and the silver on the shelves had been left undisturbed. The value of the stolen articles was between \$1,000 and \$5,000, members of the firm to bring about a Republican victory next fall than

> as to whether or not there should be a closure rule in the Senate; what is your judgment on that quesion" inquired The Tribune correspondent.
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> Mr. Saxton frankly answered: "I believe in ma-

jority rule. We must see to it that the majority can rule during the coming session. In 1891 themselves without the consent of the minand again in the same session, thirteen Senators, with the presiding officer, who was not a member business, and we have no right to bind ourselves us at the mercy of a few partisan obstructionists. The rights of the minority should be carefully guarded, and each Senator should have abundant

of the State National Guard, for the Signal Corps attached to the First Brigade and their invited guests on that evening will attend the performance of "1492," and will occupy the second, third and fourth rows in the orchestra. The full corps will be there, also the guests of the corps, among whom will be Brigader-General Louis Fitzgerald, Major Edimund C. Thompson, Sergeant I. Thomson, Colonel Olin, acting adjutant of the brigade staff, and others high up in State military affairs. After the performance the corps will sit down to a sumptous supper in the "blue and silver" room of the Arena, Thirty-first-st. and Broadway, Covers will be laid for forty guests. The committee having charge of the theatre party and supper, are Corporals S. M. Butler and Frank I. Fitch and Oliver Wren and M. Jasper.

OFFICERS OF THE MACHIAS EXONERATED.

The text of the report of the Court of Inquiry in the matter of "Who is to blame?" for the grounding of the gunboat Machias while coming from Boston to New-York, has not been given out by the Navy Pepartment, but it was learned at the Navy Yard yesterday that the officers are exonerated. The Machias suffered no material damage, but the inquiry was thorough and involved the following points: How did the vessel meet with such an accident when she was provided with the latest revised charts, and with officers acquainted with and expected to be capable of navigating a well-lighted coast?

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